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You should approach GON at highest appropriate level and urge delay in KLM resumption service. Deptele 304 ~~xxx~~ 317 & Depcirtel 960 should furnish adequate guidance but you may also draw on following:

Although quarantine lifted, important points US-USSR understanding re Cuba remain unresolved, eg., Cuban permission for on-site verification. US has undertaken own means confirmation withdrawal missiles in order protect hemisphere against offensive weapons in Cuba. Cuban regime has responded by threats against any overflights US military aircraft.

Flight operations in vicinity Cuba therefore continue be hazardous and USG is advising US aircraft avoid Cuban airspace.

PAA & Mexicana have not altered their decision not resume flight operations to Cuba. Moreover, GON and other European and NATO allies have held line re denial Soviet overflight and landing rights. Canada and Ireland will continue for time being insist on inspection scheduled flights between Prague and Habana. (We have late report that Cuban regime has requested Czech Airlines to halt Habana flights and has stopped Cubana flights to Prague).

It would be unfortunate therefore if resumption KLM service to Habana would ~~xxx~~ provide bloc with only major commercial route for transport personnel and cargo to Cuba.

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